

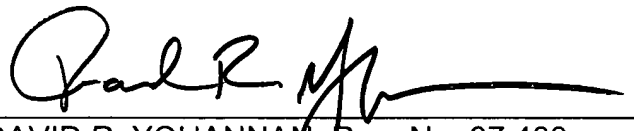
REMARKS

The status of all claims is indicated above. By way of this amendment and previous amendments, rejected Claims 1-12, 14-32 and 34-60 are canceled without prejudice. Applicants hereby reserve the right to prosecute the canceled claims in a continuation application. Claim 33 is allowed. Claim 13, which was objected to but indicated to be allowable, has been amended to incorporate all the limitations of its base claim. Accordingly, Claim 13 should now be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claim 13 be withdrawn and the present application be allowed with pending Claims 13 and 33. Should the Office believe anything further is required to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Director is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 03-2469 the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) for a one month extension of time. If an additional fee is required, the Director is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to this deposit account. Moreover, if the deposit account contains insufficient funds, the Director is hereby invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to arrange payment.

Respectfully submitted,



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